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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR RALLY

Vallecitos Union Met last Saturday in the Presbyterian Church.

Delegates Were in Attendance From Livermore, Tesla and Sunol.

The First Presbyterian church of this place presented a gala appearance last Saturday afternoon and evening.

The occasion was the quarterly meeting of Vallecitos Union C. E., composed of the societies of Livermore, Tesla, Sunol and Pleasanton. Delegates were present from these places besides Dr. Dean of Oakland, County President and A. R. Waters, editor of the Niles Herald, who were also in attendance and added much to the interest of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. R. Logan who presided at both the afternoon and evening sessions. Excellent music was furnished by member of the C. E. Junior society of Pleasanton. Miss Ida Harms acted as Secretary pro tem.

The program for the afternoon opened with praise service and devotion, Rev. R. W. Revnolds.

Address of Welcome by Miss Mary Cope, which was responded to by Dr. Dean. Song, "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" by the Juniors. Then followed short talks on the subject for the afternoon "Our Individual Obligations as C. E. Workers."

This subject was discussed by Rev. R. W. Reynolds. Mr. Waters, Mrs. Cooke, Miss Lottie Trimmingham, Mr. Fletcher and others. Miss Irene Dakin then gave a recitation which was well received and was followed by an impromptu address to the Juniors by Mrs. Chamberlain of Sunol. At the close of the afternoon session an appetizing lunch was served by the members of the Pleasanton society which was much enjoyed.

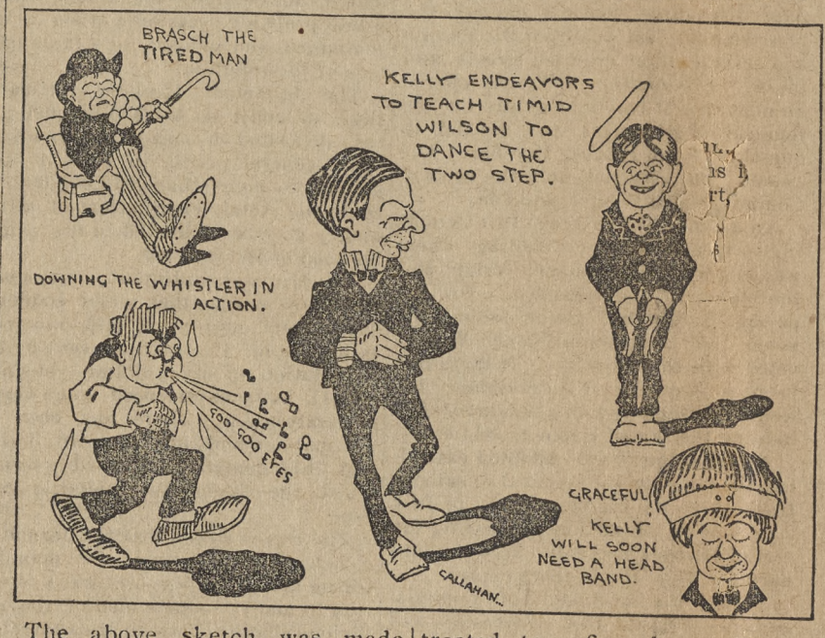
The evening services began with devotional services by Rev. Arthur Hicks of Livermore and were followed by a song by Miss Fannie Hay. The topic for discussion during the evening was "Careful and Prayerful Preparation Essential to a Good Endeavor Meeting." This subject was discussed at some length by numbers of the delegates. At the close of the discussion a violin solo was rendered by Mr. E. W. Dusinberg, accompanied by Mrs. Benedict on the piano, which seemed to be much enjoyed by the audience. A song by Dr. Dean was followed by some excellent singing by the Junior choir.

The closing address was in accordance with the old custom of keeping the good wine till the last. It was delivered by Rev. Arthur Hicks of Livermore on the subject "The Full Mission of the Christian Endeavor," and was listened to with absorbing interest by the audience.

The meeting closed to meet at Livermore next March.

Grand free distribution of "Full Dinner Pails" at the Rose Hotel Monday and Tuesday. Call and get one. *

TAUGHT HIM THE TWO-STEP.


BRASCH THE TIRED MAN
KELLY ENDEAVORS TO TEACH TIMID WILSON TO DANCE THE TWO STEP.
DOWNING THE WHISTLER IN ACTION.
GRACEFUL KELLY WILL SOON NEED A HEAD BAND.
CALLAHAN.

The above sketch was made from the bridge near the depot a few nights ago and represents the the efforts of some of our young men to instruct their companion in the intricacies of the two-step. The scene was in the depot office and as the curtains were not drawn the interested spectators were treated to a fine show. We predict a rush of partners on New Years eve for the pupil, who rumor says is progressing finely.

We are not informed when the next lesson will be given, but will venture the assertion that the window blinds will be down on that occasion.

CLOSING DAY.

The public school closed yesterday for a two weeks vacation. The different rooms had interesting exercised and showed the progress made in the different grades during the preceding half year.

An interesting feature of the closing days of this term's work was the enthusiasm manifested in historic Christmas decorations. The walls of each room were artistially adorned with mistletoe and holly and the the black boards presented pictures of Santa Claus in all stages of his journeys from snow laden forests to chimney top.

The pupils have exercised a great deal of taste and skill in drawing on the boards, and in arranging boughs and and ivy.

In Miss Hays room the Christmas bells, the little girl hanging her stocking, Old Santa Claus with his reindeers, and the proverbial turkey had been placed on the board and the little ones enjoyed them thoroughly.

Other rooms were also decorated with taste. In each of the four primary grades a Christmas program was rendered, while the three advanced classes joined together in their exercises. An excellent program of songs, reading and recitations was given.

JURY—ARNANDON.

Riley Jury of Mendota and Emma Arnandon of Pleasanton were married Tuesday at the residence of the bride's father, Eugene Arnandon below town. They left for a wedding trip to San Francisco on the evening train. Mrs. Jury is a granddaughter of Jean Arbios, who lives near town.

The entertainment New Years Eve at the Nevis Pavilion will conclude with a dance. Music will be furnished by our own orchestra, which by the way is just as good, if not better, than the music from the city generally employed here.

Each cash purchase at Lewis Bros gets a chance on a Jardinier and stand. †

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday, Dec. 23, 1900. Special Christmas music will be rendered by a large choir under the direction of Mrs. Weed.

At the morning service, there will be special Christmas [illegible] an anthem by the choir and [illegible] "Peace on Earth," by Mrs. Wilbur Dakin.

In the evening the choir will give a sacred concert, when the following program will be rendered

Anthem "Glory to God in the Highest"
Hymn..... Joy to the World.
Solo..... Miss F. Hay (with violin obligato by Mr. Downey)
Solo.....Mr. Dakin (with choir chorus.
Scripture Reading and Prayer Rev. Logan
Response.
Solo.....Mrs. Hellar
Quartette.....Messrs W. & C. Graham, Messrs Weed and Dakin.
Offertory Anthem There were Shepherds
Solo .....Mr. Will Graham
Address.....Rev. R. Logan
Solo.....Mrs. R. C. Peach
Hymn.....;"All Hail the Power."

The members of the choir are Sopranos Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Peach, Mrs. W. Graham, Misses Rhodes, Bilz and H. Hay.

Altos Mesdames Hellar and Dakin and Miss F. Hay.

Tenors Messrs W. and C. Graham.
Bassos Messrs Dakin and Weed.

E. H. Rhodes is spending the Christmas holidays in town with his family. He brought with him some very fine apples from his apple orchard at Jefferson, Oregon. Mr. Rhodes owns about 250 acres of apples at that place, and ships to the eastern markets where his apples are in successful competition with the eastern product.

Photo Jewelry—Nothing nicer for Xmas. At Downey's Photo Gallery. †

Select your Xmas goods early. Big display at Lewis Bros. *

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50 cts. Guaranteed. For sale by T. H. Silver, druggist.

ANOTHER OIL COMPANY.

Article of incorportton were recently filed with the Secretary of State of the Tolchester Oil Company This would not excite comment in these days when oil companys are springing up almost everywhere were it not for the fact that it shows that the interest in oil is being excited right in our midst.

The Tolchester Oil Company have leased the land of E. H. Frick just below town and adjoining the land of the Pleasanton Oil Co. The terms of the lease are such that operations must begin at once.

The board of directors of the company is composed of Robt. B. Mitchell ot San Francisco president; Frank Lewis, of Pleasanton, vice president; Frank Bacon, of Oakland, secretary; T. K. Statler and Herman Zadig of San Francisco.

The prospectus of this company is in the press and will shortly be issued when a limited amount of development stock will be placed on the market.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

C. E. Denuis, an employe of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Coal Company, who was engaged as helper on one of the electric motors, was instantly killed Monday by falling down a shaft.

The electric motor upon which Dennis was employed, was used in connection with the hoisting apparatus. The motor rested upon a frame platform. The platform gave way and precipitated motor and attendant to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 280 feet, mangling the body in a horrible manner.

The dead man was 28 years of age and a native of England. He was divorced recently. His former wife still resides in Alameda

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Look in at the Rose Hotel tonight, tomorrow night or Monday You are sure to take home a turkey or Belgian hare for your Xmas dinner if you do. *

Live, energetic man can get good contract as District or Special Agent for Life Ins. Co. established 50 years. "Insurance" Room 21, 431 Cal. St., S. F. *

The time for buying holiday goods is nearly over, and to those who wish a good selection we would advise an early call.

Do not put off buying until Monday, for many lines are now broken and on that day we can not give you proper attention, so busy will we be.

Ellis Bros. & Co.

General Merchandise.

ONLY A FEW SHORT DAYS

TO WAIT FOR

OLD SANTA CLAUS.

Christmas will be here before you know it,

And you can't please the wife better than to add some pretty pieces to her china closet. So don't wait too long, as many of the prettiest pieces are already sold.

Come and pick them out and we will deliver them when you say.

And don't wait until the last moment to get something for the little ones, and be compelled to take what's left. Remember their stockings will be hung up. This is headquarters for everything in the Santa Claus line at the right prices.

G. W. DETJENS

Pleasanton Cash Store

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CITY OFFICIAL PAPER.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit Our Busy Readers.

George C. Hunt of San Francisco has applied to Seattle for a 25-year telephone franchise.

The last clean-up at the Gwin mill amounted to a little over $47,000, and is considered very encouraging.

The elevator pumps working on the Comstock have drained the lode to a point 200 feet below the 1950 station of the shaft in which they are installed.

Contractors are six months behind in completion of the Seattle new water system. They are subject to a penalty of $200 per day; but it is not likely to be enforced.

Thomas Lynch has brought action to recover $7000 from the Pacific Coast Steamship Company at Seattle. While in the employ of the company he was injured by a blast.

A curious eye disease is afflicting children in the western districts of Tacoma. The children's eyes become red and inflamed, but so far no serious consequences have developed.

Rich specimens of cinnabar have recently been taken out of the Red Cross quicksilver mine, thirty miles northeast of Redding, and the Searchlight is very hopeful that a good mine will be developed there.

A diver recovered $700 in gold from the bottom of Bellingham Bay recently. The money was in a small satchel, and was lost off the Sehome wharf by a Mrs. Matthews, of Samish. Fruitless efforts were made to recover the money by dragging and the diver was finally employed. He found the money after five minutes' search.

The old Government cable that has recently been used by the Western Union, running between Fort Stevens and Fort Canby, was picked up by the anchor of the ship Cromartyshire, when the latter dragged down last week, and was broken. It will be considerable trouble to repair the damage, as the ends cannot be easily located.

According to Eastern newspapers a great many oil men from Pennsylvania and Ohio intend spending the winter in California. While here they will investigate conditions and if they are favorably impressed they intend to do some prospecting. Already quite a number of Easterners have arrived and are looking over the fields. Many experienced workmen have recently been engaged by local producers.

A strike is reported by the Yuma Sun in the Kicker mine of the Amalgamated Gold and Copper Company, situated in the sulphide zone of Yavapai county. The Rebel mine, which adjoins the Kicker on the west, is down nearly 400 feet and for the past 200 feet has been in sulphides of a rich character. The Kicker people propose to connect with the Rebel by extending their drifts westward.

The local committee of arrangements for the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic for California and Nevada, to be held in Pacific Grove next spring, are in communication with the State committee relative to postponing the date of the encampment from April to June, 1901, in order to be able to invite President McKinley to include Pacific Grove in his California itinerary for the purpose of addressing the veterans.

One day last week Mrs. F. L. Smith, who resides at the Snowball mine, San Francisco mining district, concluded to prospect for ore on her own account, and, with her two children, went up on a butte about three hundred yards distant from her house, where she found a ledge of quartz. She broke off a piece of the rock and found it to be filled with coarse gold. A specimen from the find is said to be one of the richest pieces of ore the mines of the Blue Ridge ever produced. Mr. Smith is working on the mine and has a nice streak of this rich ore in sight.

Next W. C. T. U. Convention for Texas.

Chicago.—The next convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in Fort Worth, Tex., if suitable railroad accommodations can be obtained. It was decided to inaugurate a movement to have September 28th, Frances Willard's birthday, observed in the public schools of the country by having an hour set apart for reading concerning the life and work of Miss Willard. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the starting of an institution for the training of Woman's Christian Temperance Union workers, to be located in Northfield, if possible.

FEATS OF JAPANESE DIVERS.

In Rescuing Cargo From a Wreck They Descend Twenty-two Fathoms.

Victoria, B. C.—Japanese engaged in rescuing the cargo of the steamer Calanda, which foundered off Iwoshima, have been performing some great diving feats, of which physicians and others have been witnesses. They have testified to seeing two Japanese, without any artificial assistance, plunge into the sea to the depth of twenty-three fathoms and recover various cases of cargo from the sunken vessel, which is lying in twenty-six fathoms of water.

On arriving at the scene, all the physicians could see were two sampans, a few men and sundry ropes or leading lines. The first to dispappear was Fukumatsu Sakamoto, who for the space of a few minutes sat on the gunwale of the sampan, while his assistants fixed a small rope around his shoulders. There was also a weighted line which he held, supporting about eighty-three pounds of lead.

After practically expelling most of the air and mucous in his lungs and then taking a huge inhalation, he disappeared, and from the time of his entrance into the sea until he appeared again two minutes and twenty-five seconds had elapsed. In the meantime he had fastened cords around a large case of cargo.

Yoshitaro Aikawa followed, two minutes elapsing between his entrance into and exit from the water. The men appeared to be none the worse for their exertions and the only noticeable effect was that their pulses rose to about 124, showing the great strain upon the heart.

PUBLIC LAND QUESTION.

Suits Instituted at Honolulu to Annul All Leases and Sales.

Honolulu.—Honolulu is still disturbed by the question as to whether President McKinley contemplates declaring void all land sales and leases made here since September 28, 1899, by the local government. In spite of denials the Honolulu Republican continues to assert that suits are to be brought, in behalf of the National Government, to annul all such leases or sales. This paper states that the legal documents for such actions are now being prepared and will soon be filed.

The sale of public lands at Olaa is the principal deal involved. At present there are squatters on these lands who refuse to leave in spite of the order to do so, followed as it was by a public sale. An attempt by purchasers to take possession resulted in their being driven away by guns in the hands of the squatters. They base their claims on the contention that the last government had no right to dispose of any public lands after September 28, 1899, on which date President McKinley gave his last instructions in the matter, ordering that no more land deals be entered into. The enabling act, however, gives the local government control, according to the contention of those who ordered the sales.

Low Price Offered for Beets.

Oakland.—The sugar-beet growers in the Alvarado district are much alarmed over the fact that the Alameda Sugar Works is attempting to contract for this year's crop for $4.50 per ton, whereas in the past the price has considerably exceeded that amount. An effort is being put forth by the growers to form an organization for the purpose of keeping up the price to the figure paid in the past. As yet none of the growers have signed the $4.50 contracts. Thousands of acres in this county are now devoted to the culture of sugar beets, which have hitherto proven a profitable crop, and any attempt to reduce the price paid the producer is looked upon with alarm.

Croker Buys an English Home.

New York.—A dispatch from London says: Richard Croker has bought Moat House, Wantage, with much of the surrounding grounds. The price is withheld, but it does not exceed $20,000. The negotiations were arranged last summer and the papers were signed when Croker arrived a few weeks ago. Workmen are building new additions and completely remodeling the interior. The improvements will cost $7500. It looks as if Croker intended to make his permanent home there.

Seller of Diplomas Sent to Prison.

Chicago. — Dr. James Armstrong, president at various times of the Metropolitan and Independent Medical Colleges and the Illinois Health University, was sentenced by Judge Kohlsaat to serve one year in jail and pay a fine of $500. Armstrong was found guilty of using the United States mails to defraud. Testimony adduced at the trial showed that Armstrong's institutions were devoted entirely to the selling of "diplomas."

School Board and Vaccination.

Provo, Utah.—The Board of Education, after considering an order of the State Board of Health to close schools in this city to all unvaccinated persons on or after January 1st, decided that under the law it had no authority to exclude any pupils or teachers on the ground of non-vaccination, providing that they were otherwise in a healthy condition.

LIQUOR IN MANILA.

License Law Adopted by Philippine Commission.

OPINIONS AMONG THE BOARD.

Saloons Must Leave Principal Thoroughfares and Confine Themselves to Principal Streets.

Manila.—The liquor license law has passed the Taft Commission, but the Commission is radically divided on its most distinctive features, namely, the banishment of saloons from the Escolta and several other crowded streets and plazas. Commissioner Wright offered an amendment leaving the way for the removal of saloons in the district in question to the Provost Marshal. The amendment received only the votes of Commissioners Wright and Ide.

An amendment by Judge Taft excepting certain streets and adding others was adopted, Commissioner Wright and Ide voting in the negative. On the passage of the bill Commissioner Ide voted "no" and Commissioner Wright voted with the majority. If there had been a seconder Commissioner Ide would have offered an amendment forbidding the sale of liquor to soldiers.

An amendment was adopted extending the time for the removal of saloons from three to six months, or to July 2d. One of the sections increasing the cost of licenses goes into effect on January 1st when the licenses expire.

During the arguments of Commissioners Wright, Ide, Worcester and Taft in favor of closing the saloons they cited the liquor laws of Tennessee and Massachusetts as effective precedents for confining the sale of liquor to prescribed localities. They also said the native police are ineffective to cope with the situation when the soldiers visit Manila and become hilarious.

Heavy rains have fallen for several days. This deters war operations, especially on the part of the cavalry.

ABSORPTION OF MANCHURIA.

Li Hung Chang's Message to the Czar Anent the Matter.

London.—Dr. Morrison, wiring to the Times from Peking says: Li Hung Chang has wired to Emperor Nicholas, at the instance of Prince Ukhtomsky, an expression of gratitude for permission to rule Manchuria under Russian protection. This permission purports to have come from the Czar, who is, of course, cognizant of the matter. Prince Ukhtomsky is leaving Peking within a few days, his mission having been accomplished."

"Telegrams from the north," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Times, "report renewed activity on the part of the Boxers in the neighborhood of Peking and Tien-tsin. It is believed that certain foreigners are continuing a surreptitious business in arms with the connivance of the Taotai of Shanghai. There are persistent rumors here that the foreign troops have arrived at Tai Yuen Fu.

"While the Ministers in Peking are haggling over the collective note, Russia has consolidated her power in Manchuria, which, under the guise of friendship, she is wresting from her deluded neighbor."

The Morning Post published the following from its Peking correspondent: "The Boxer organization is nearly destroyed. There appears now to be no danger of a recrudescene of the recent troubles, although activity is shown in some unprotected places. The Boxer leaders were, in reality, not numerous, and most of them have been punished by the Chinese authorites."

Bryan Will Now Issue a Weekly Paper.

Lincoln, Neb.—William J. Bryan gave out the following interview: "I have for several years had in contemplation the establishment of a weekly newspaper and this seems an opportune time for undertaking it. Intending to devote my life to the study and discussion of public questions I have taken this method because it wll best accomplish the purpose which I have in view. Through a paper I will be able to keep in touch with social, economic and political problems. The paper will at the same time, if successful, provide an income sufficient for my pecuniary needs and this kind of work will allow me more time with my family than I have been able to enjoy for several years past. The paper will be called the Commoner. I shall be publisher and edtior and Lincoln will be the place of publication."

Oscar Wilde's Final Witticism.

New York.—A cable to the Sun from London says: Oscar Wilde's last bequest was characteristic of his genius for inversions. When told that he must undergo an operation he said at first that he could not afford the fee. The point was pressed by the surgeons. "Very well," said the patient, with a flash from the ashes of his old spirit, "I must die beyond my means."

Official Michigan Returns.

Detroit.—Michigan's returns show McKinley received 104,584 plurality in the State. The plurality of Governor Bliss was 79,384.

FINANCES IN OLD MEXICO.

Report Shows That the Conditions Are Not Altogether Satisfactory.

Mexico City.—Minister Limantour's report of the financial condition of the country is a notable document. He estimates for the ensuing year revenue amounting to $61,691,000 and expenditures of $61,677,990, and shows why he does not anticipate a large surplus for the coming year. He takes up the present financial situation, which is characterized by monetary stringency, and remarks: "It is imposible to disregard certain economical phenomena and certain symptoms of the business situation which reveals that condition of uneasiness caused by the partial paralyzation of transactions and which, to continue for a long time, would probably occasion a crisis in the commerce and industry of a large portion of the republic."

The Financial Minister estimates that, in addition to $50,000,000 in cash deposited in banks, the holdings of the general public in cash do not amount to more than $40,000,000, so that the total crculuation of silver money may be estimated in the neighborhood of $90,000,000.

The Minister continues: "It is not, therefore, strange that when suddenly the country supply of cash was curtailed from 10 to 12 per cent by the exportation of silver dollars business should have experienced some degree of paralyzation. There has been an unusual demand for Mexican dollars and this demand has sensibly diminished the supply of metallic cash here."

The report shows that the formation of new stock companies for manufacturing and other purposes was a revelation to many business men of the prodigious efficacy of which instruments of credit are susceptible, and that a certain amount of speculation began, resulting in over production in manufacturing, from which, in some lines, a natural reaction is experienced. The report says the facility with which credit was secured at banks on the strength of fortunes already amassed or by hypothecating the shares of long and favorably known companies left many firms and capitalists to enter on new enterprises without waiting as long a time as would have been desirable so as to allow previous enterprises to mature their shares and bonds, which have become well disseminated among the people.

It is not, therefore, strange, as soon as the scarcity of cash began to be felt, that transactions should somewhat be checked, and that as business concerns were unable to any longer have recourse to banks, having made full use of their credit on these estimates, a large volume of the stock issued by the corporations in question should have been thrown on the market, producing, as was natural, a general depreciation in securities. But, fortunately for the country, a majority of the enterprises rest on accurate calculations and a foundation of complete security.

The report has produced an excellent impression.

BRITAIN IS DUNNING THE TURK.

Report That the United States' Recent Example Will Be Followed.

Constantinople.—Owing to the success of the United States in pressing claims for compensation in connection with the Armenian disorders Great Britain is now urging the Ottoman Government to pay similar claims put forward by British subjects. It is expected that energetic means will be taken to obtain a settlement.

Washington.—Contrary to the impression which, according to the Constantinople dispatch, prevails regarding the United States' claims for indemnity against Turkey, the statement is made that no settlement respecting their payment has been reported. All this Government has secured up to this time from the Ottoman Government is a series of promises to settle. The reported action of the British Government in urging its claims for compensation against the Turks because of the reported success of the United States is not calcultaed to accentuate our success in the negotiations now in progress between the United States and Turkey, but, on the contrary, to hamper and retard them.

Will Arrange the Inauguaration Plans.

Washington.—The committee which will have charge of the forthcoming Presidential inauguration ceremonies has been officially announced: John J. Edson is chairman, T. E. Roessle vice chairman, Colonel George Truesdell second vice-chairman, Southard Parker treasurer and Harrison Dingman secretary.

The committee is made up of fifty prominent citizens of Washington and includes Justice Harlan, General Ellis Spear, Colonel Myron M. Parker, George H. Harris, Major James E. Bell, Colonel James G. Barrett, General H. V. Boynton, John W. Foster General Miles and Thomas F. Walsh.

Manchester's Wine Bill Unpaid.

London.—Judgment for £250 was entered in the Queen's Bench Court against the Duke of Manchester for wine and cigars supplied by a city merchant. The claim was not contested.

ONE OF BOOTH'S SOLDIERS.

American Noblewoman a Worker in the Salvation Army.

The Countess of Tankerville, one of the most devoted members of Gen. William Booth's Salvation Army, is now in this country and is accompanied by her husband, who was also a member of the Salvation Army at Tacoma, Wash., where the two first became acquainted and were married. At that time the Earl of Tankerville was third in succession to the title. The Countess was Miss Lenora Van Marter, a resident of Tacoma, and it was while engaged in army work there that she attracted the Earl's notice. He was so smitten by her rare beauty that he abandoned the gay life he was leading in order to be near her. Together they

COUNTESS OF TANKERVILLE.

worked for many months in the streets of Tacoma, doing good to all with whom they came in contact. Finally, the young man, by the death of relatives, came into possession of his estates and title. He at once married the young army lass and together they set out for England. Here they despised the gayeties of the social set they were entitled to enter and continued their work in the Salvation Army, winning high praise from Gen. Booth for their zeal and efficiency. They return to the United States to continue their chosen work for a time. Whether or not they will remain permanently has not yet been determined. If the work here shall seem to require their services they will stay; if England offers a more promising field for their endeavors they will return there. In any event they are determined that they will not forsake the army in the days of their prosperity.

MLLE. MARGUERITE DE CASSINI

She Has Been Made a Countess in Her Own Right by the Czar.

Mlle. Marguerite de Cassini, who has just been made a countess in her own right by the Czar, is the grandniece and adopted daughter of Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador to the United States. The new Countess is a lady of remarkable beauty and of most charming personality. She has lived in

MLLE. MARGUERITE DE CASSINI.

Washington since she was 17, and has won the adimration of all who have met her. The new title with which she has been honored will establish her rank—which up to the present has been in doubt—among the ladies of the diplomatic set. It was rumored recently that the fair young Countess had been betrothed to M. Pavloff, the Russian minister to Korea, but the report has been denied.

Just in Time.

A circus paid a flying visit to a small northern town not long ago, and the price of admission was sixpence, children under 10 years of age half-price. It was Edith's tenth birthday, and her brother Tom, aged 13, took her in the afternoon to see the show.

Arrived at the door he put down ninepence and asked for two front seats.

"How old is the little girl?" asked the money-taker, doubtfully.

"Well," replied Master Tom, "this is her tenth birthday, but she was not born until rather late in the afternoon."

The money-taker accepted the statement, and handed him the tickets. But it was a close shave.—London Spare Moments.

"It is claimed that the Dowager Empress of China started in life as a servant-girl." "No wonder they stand in awe of her."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FOR THE FARMERS.

Some Interesting News For the Ruralist

SPOKEN OF IN THIS COLUMN.

A Few Sensible Hints to Suit the Busy Agriculturist—Items That May Benefit Our Readers.

What To Do With Milk.

Many times a farmer keeping a few cows is at loss to decide what disposition to make of his milk. If he is a good distance from any village or city, he will very likely conclude to make butter, and doubtless that, many times, will be the best thing he can do, provided he is correctly fitted up for it, makes a good article, properly prepares it for market, by putting it in neat packages, properly protecting it from the air.

Some farmers make butter, save during the months of July and August, when they make cheese, claiming that it is difficult to make butter during the heated term. That practice was years ago more commom than at present and for the reason that such improvement has been made in dairy utensils that with the use of cooling material, conditions of temperature can be so controlled that no trouble will be found in making butter even in the hottest weather. But of course one must have a good outfit and required cooling material.

This letter would be rather out of season were it not that this is a good time to emphasize the fact that ice is one of the great needs of the dairy, as well as an economy and convenience in every household, the farmers especially included. It is one of those articles that a family may get along without if never tried, but once used for a season, it becomes a necessity.

While butter-making will, as a rule, be found the best for the average farmer, cheese-making can in some instances be adopted to good advantage. However, it will be generally admitted that greater skill is required to make cheese than butter and longer experience needed to obtain such skill. Yet if a farmer who keeps fifteen to twenty cows will properly fit up for cheese-making, he can, if he has the needed skill, or will acquire it, make a success, by making a small and not too hard cheese. A great deal of factory cheese is made for shipping and is too hard for the American taste. That is why many prefer cheese made by their grandmothers to that made in the modern factory.

The farmer who makes up his milk into butter at home can turn the by-products of his dairy to good account. The skim milk can be fed to calves, pigs and hens. Probably few realize its value in poultry-raising and egg-producing, unless they have tried it. Cottage cheese can be made from the skim milk, if the cream has been separated from it by the Swedish system; otherwise, it would hardly answer for that use.

Making ice-cream to be disposed of to regular customers in quantities or to fill orders for parties, picnics, etc., is within the province of a farmer not too distant from a large village or city. Furnishing fresh cream to hotels, restaurants and others wanting it in fair quantities will also pay under same conditions. Of course, trade in such products could be better worked up by a farmer having telephone connection with town, as some farmers now have, and many more will have in the near future.—F. W. Moseley, in The Live Stock Journal, Clinton, Iowa.

Swine on the Farm.

It is admitted by the best farmers all over our great country that the handling of live stock in its various branches is the most profitable mode of farming. While the writer is a lover of all classes of good stock and has had experience in all the different branches, I will confine myself exclusively to the hog. In this article, the hog is the farmer's greatest friend. He is acknowledged to be the mortgage lifter, and he is the only animal that can so readily be turned to cash at any age. They can be handled on a small or a large scale just as the farmer chooses. Of course I am speaking of the improved breeds. (No scrubs pay.) By the improved breeds I don't mean to say the farmer must have thoroughbred pedigreed hogs, but I do believe he should always use a thoroughbred male of whichever breed he prefers, always selecting his best sows to keep, and in this way he is improving his herd all the time. My own experience has taught me that a sow not bred until she is about 10 months old, will produce a better and stronger litter, and be better for the sow in her future usefulness. I have kept sows until they were 10 years old, and they were more profitable at that age than they were when they had their first litters. So I would advise the farmer not to breed immature stock, for if he does keep this practice up, he will run his herd down instead of up, but should keep his tried brood sows as long as they are profitable, and dispose of those that are not profitable, and keep the best young ones in their places. I don't believe it justifies the farmer in keeping an old male. But I prefer to buy a good early spring male every fall. In selecting a male be sure to select one that shows himself to be an easy feeder, as this is an all-important point. By this I mean one that has good, deep hams and shoulders, nicely arched back, well-sprung ribs; in short, one that will make the most out of every pound of feed consumed, and his progeny will inherit this good quality. As to whether it is most profitable to raise one or two litters a year should be determined by the farmer himself. If the first litter comes early, and one is fixed with good warm places to keep them and can give them proper attention during the cold weather, two litters can be made profitable; but for those that are not so fixed I think one good litter better than two poor ones. As to the feed, corn is the farmer's main standby, but the brood sow when she is carrying her litter, also after she has farrowed, should have a good grass lot to run in, with some kind of good slop feed along with the corn. The pigs should be learned to eat as young as possible by having a trough where the sow cannot get at it, and they should be kept going right from the start to finish to make the most out of them, and the most profitable hog of today is the hog that, when turned on the market at 8 or 9 months old, will weigh from 200 to 250 pounds. I know this can be done, as I speak from experience, as this is the only true way to gain knowledge.

L. D. Bohrer.

Horse Improvment.

The English Shire Association has set an example for horse breeders' associations of the world to follow. The annual Shire Horse Show, the veterinary inspection and the prizes given for Shires at other shows have improved the Shire horse wonderfully, and have made the Shire horse the king of horses in England, the most important horse-breeding interest in Great Britain. The veterinary inspection has driven out the unsound sires from the show ring and hence from breeding, and the Shire Horse Show has elevated the Shire horse to the front rank, has improved the Shire horse in size, quality and conformation, and greatly increased Shire horse breeding. As illustrating the work of the Association we give a single feature from the English Live Stock Journal as an important work in the improvement of the Shire horse:

"No foot, no horse," is an old axiom of horsemen, and perhaps no other has been so strictly adhered to during the last few years. The feet of the horses exhibited at the late Shire Horse Show showed a vast improvement over those which could be seen on animals at the earlier shows of the breed. In those days it was not at all uncommon to see feet artificially "made for show" with unnecessarily heavy shoes and a very wide bevel on them. When the purchaser of a horse treated in this way came to have his shoes taken off he found to his dismay that his horse had very little foot left, although they looked passable beforehand. It is only fair to say that the improvement is largely—if not wholly—due to the growth of the show system. Horse owners, even small ones, have a chance to exhibit their youngsters almost at their own door, and with this end in view it has become more fashionable to handle the young horse stock, and pay more attention to the proper growth of the hoof, and the direct result is that thin, shelly feet are much less frequently met with. No chain is stronger than its weakest link, and a horse with bad feet possesses a very weak link if he meant for road work, and most horses are.

Sheep Notes.

Keep salt where the sheep can get it at pleasure.

Do not feed too much corn to sheep in winter.

Sheep fed in the fields waste much of their food.

In improving sheep the fleece and the carcas must be considered.

Do not feed sheep more than they will readily eat up clean.

Good care is one of the main requisites in the management of sheep.

Sheep should never be allowed to remain exposed to a cold rain.

To keep up a flock never keep a worthless sheep or breed from a weakly one.

Sheep are much the best suited of all stock for rough or partially cleared land.

The best means of obtaining a profit with any class of stock is to keep the best and to keep it well.

No money can be made from keeping poor sheep any more than poor stock of any kind.

In culling the flock include all undersized, flat ribbed and weak constitutioned sheep.

The fleece Merinos should be clean, clear white in color, soft, but compact to the touch.

Old sheep should always be culled out of the flock as young sheep clip heavier fleeced and require less attention.

No animal will deteriorate so rapidly from neglect, or show so marked an improvement for good care as well bred sheep.

Science AND Invention

A factory for liquid air is being erected at Los Angeles, Cal., for refrigerating purposes.

Careful experiments by Monsieur Brunhes, in France, indicate that the X-rays have a definite velocity which is of the same order as the velocity of light.

There are 120 firms in Germany engaged in the acetylene industry. Most of the burners are made at Nuremberg. There are no fewer than twenty-six small towns in Germany lighted by acetylene gas. The first plant of this kind for lighting small towns in Germany was erected at Hassfurt, a town of 2,500 inhabitants.

In England a lamp-post has been introduced which combines a fire hydrant, tap and fire-alarm box. The hydrant can be used for fire purposes, filling water carts and for street flushing, while the small tap can be used by an individual for domestic water supply. There is a water meter and siphon at the bottom, by which the water is shut off from the hydrant, thus preventing it from freezing.

According to a report published by the Home Office in London showing the mineral productions of the world for the last year, the United States easily leads all its rivals in this form of wealth. Great Britain ranks second, but far behind the leader, the total product of the United States having been about $720,000,000, while that of Great Britain was $400,000,000. Germany stands third, with nearly $250,000,000.

Lord Rayleigh, in discussing our ability to tell the direction from which sound proceeds, calls attention to an interesting difference between the eyes and ears with regard to the size of the waves that strike them. The average wave length of light is about one ten-thousandth of the diameter of the pupil of the eye. On the other hand, "the waves of sound issuing from a man's mouth," says Lord Rayleigh, "are about eight feet long, whereas the diameter of the passage of the ear is quite small and could not well have been made a large multiple of eight feet." One consequence of the minuteness of light waves in comparison with the size of the eyes is that the lenses of the eyes are able to concentrate rays of light upon the retina with great efficiency.

Prof. John Trowbridge has recently had installed at Harvard University the most powerful apparatus in the world for the production of electro-motive force. The plant comprises 20,000 storage cells giving 40,000 electrical units of pressure, and this can be increased to 3,000,000 volts. But in order to obtain the full effect of so enormous a pressure, Professor Trowbridge says it would be necessary to remove the apparatus into the center of an open field and elevate it at least thirty feet from the ground in order to avoid loss from the inductive action of floors and walls. With this great battery the highest degree of instantaneous temperature yet attained can be produced. Professor Trowbridge hopes with its aid to obtain some clew to the temperature at which hydrogen exists in the stars. This plant furnishes, he adds, an ideal method of producing the X-rays.

WAYS OF THE OLDEN TIME.

Regulations that Were Once in Vogue at Funerals and Churches.

Diving into the old records of one of the most charming cities of our commonwealth, Northampton, we find much of deep interest as revealing customs and habits of olden times. No fire was found in "the meeting-house" in olden time, and comparatively recently foot stoves were carried to church, as were tallow candles to the evening meetings. In 1787 the important vital question at a legal town meeting was, "Shall men and their wives be seated together in pews?" and the vote was an emphatic "No!"

In 1744, about the beginning of Jonathan Edwards' trouble in the parish, it was voted not "to pay the charge of bringing his daughters from Brookfield." In 1738 this appears on the town records: "Taking into consideration the difficulty Mr. Edwards hath labored under this year and some time past with respect to his firewood, the town voted that those persons who have not this year brought him a load of wood might have liberty between this time and next Tuesday night to bring each one his load of wood." If there was not a sufficiency of wood by that time, the town then voted, the selectmen shall see that the deficiency should be met at the cost of the town.

Later, in 1738, we find in the warrant for town meeting this entry: "To procure firewood for Rev. Mr. Williams, to choose a committee to seat the meeting-house." A most serious business to decide, who should take preference in the broad aisles: The "nigger pew," well remembered by the writer, caused no trouble to said officer, as that was readily accepted by the "colored brethren," like cows in the stable, who went dutifully to their separate stalls.

Not only the living had special rules governing their conduct, but the rules about the dead were very quaint, as by this report of a committee, May 11, 1780, to whom had been referred the conduct of funerals, as follows:

Whereas, It is the opinion of this town that funerals ought to be conducted with great decency and decorum in order to impress on rising and risen generations the importance of the awful solemnity, and to render the house of mourning better than the house of feasting. Be it therefore recommended to all the inhabitants of this town to observe the following regulations at funerals:

1. That the relatives of the deceased follow next the corpse, two and two.

2. If the deceased was a male person the males are to follow next the mourners, two and two, and the women after them, two and two; but if the deceased was a woman, then the women are to follow next the mourners and the men after them.

3. Those on horseback are to follow in after the foot folks, hores two and two, and the carriages are to follow in the rear of the procession. And it is requested that no person walk or ride on either side the procession from the house to the grave.

Ten of the prominent men of the city were appointed and requested to attend at funerals and to regulate the procession thus recommended until the same shall become habitual to the people. In 1745 the question was raised in the annual town meeting "if the town would be at the expense of coloring the meeting house, and it passed in the negative!" Evidently they thought that nature would do it without expense. Not till 1749 were the forts and fortifications of the town demolished and the timber and boards sold for the benefit of the town. Laws were passed relative to the schooling of boys and the amount of wood they should bring to the schoolhouse; girls were of no account in those days.

GREAT BRITAIN'S ELECTORATE.

It Has Increased Nearly Sevenfold During Victoria's Reign.

When the queen came to the throne there were less than a million electors out of a population of more than twenty-five millions. That is as much to say that only 14 in every 100 adult males were possessed of the franchise. And yet five years had passed since the great reform bill had been placed upon the statute book after an epoch-making battle. To-day nearly 70 per cent of the adult males in the United Kingdom possess the franchise. The increase in population, added to the increase in the percentage of representation, has, however, given us an electorate of about six and three-quarter millions.

It is as well to note that during this extraordinary development of the electorate the elected representatives of the people have scarcely increased in number by a score. In 1801, at the union of the British and Irish parliaments, there were 658 members of the House of Commons. Disfranchisements and suspensions of writs reduced the number in actual practice to 640, round about which figure it remained till Mr. Gladstone in 1885 raised it to 670, the present total of the house.

It is quite probable, therefore, that, should the much-discussed "manhood suffrage" ever come into operation in this country, it will not add a single member to the distinguished gathering at St. Stephen's. Nor, as a matter of fact, will it add to the electorate itself as a large proportion as has been added in the last thirty-three years. For in that time 50 per cent has been added to the rate of adult male representation. A mere 30 per cent more would give every man over 21 a vote—if he cared to use it.—London Express.

Finger Nails and Gentility.

In China long finger nails are a mark of gentility. They are an indication that their possessor is a man of leisure. When they are excessively long, approaching the dignity of talons, as they sometimes do, they indicate that the gentleman—or lady—attached to them has passed the mere gentility line, and has become a full-fledged aristocrat. In Annam, where the finger-nail habit has persisted for hundreds and perhaps thousands of years, these signs-manual of extreme gentility sometimes attain by careful cultivation the length of six or eight inches, and instances are on record where a length of sixteen and even eighteen inches has been attained.

This custom prevails generally throughout what is known as Indo-China, which includes Siam, Burmah, Cambodia, Laos, and the Shan states, etc. It is also common throughout the Chinese Empire, more especially in the southern provinces.

It is said that some of the Annamese noblemen never have their nails cut from the time of birth. In such cases, of course, the poor creatures are practically helpless, and have to rely on servants entirely for assistance in the discharge of the most common offices, being unable to either clothe or feed themselves.—New York Sun.

If you avoid making predictions, you will often avoid making yourself ridiculous.

There is such a thing as over caution that excites suspicion.

JOHN JOKER

Lover (ardently)—I love the very ground you walk on. Heiress—Ah! I thought it was my estates you were after.—Tit-Bits.

Parke—"I've just had my telephone taken out." Lane—"What for?" Parke—"My next door neighbor put one in."—Harper's Bazar.

Bad Times.—"He has always run his business like clockwork." "Yes, and now his creditors have wound it up."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Mrs. Bicker—There you go again! You always were a fault-finder. Mr. Bicker—Sure; and I'll never forget the day I found you.—Chicago News.

The Bachelor—"Single-blessedness is a good thing." The Benedict—"Well, isn't double blessedness twice as good?"—Yonkers Statesman.

Justice—"What were you doing in Colonel Pullet's chicken coop?" Uncle Mose—"Fo' de Lawd, judge, I was jes takin' de census."—Harlem Life.

Snarley—"You don't have to be an artist to draw a check." Yow—"No, but you have to be a royal academician to get it cashed."—Syracuse Herald.

"Would you start out on a journey on Friday?" "No, indeed." "Why are people so superstitious?" "I'm not superstitious, I am paid on Saturday."—Answers.

She—"I wonder why it is that so many old maids have fat bank accounts?" He—"Probably for lack of anything else, they husband their resources."—Brooklyn Life.

"How did you ever happen to marry him?" "Why, he made me mad." "Mad? How?" "He acted as if he didn't think I would and rather hoped I wouldn't."—Chicago Post.

"What is that quiet, inoffensive little man over there in the corner?" "Inoffensive? Say, don't you start him up; he's the professor who is master of eight languages."—Chicago Record.

On the Contrary: Vane Glory—I hope Swainston said nothing about me the other night, old chap? Cecil Swarve—Not a word, old man; in fact, we had quite an interesting little chat.—Judy.

"Mr. Hardcase," said the minister, "I saw your son in a saloon yesterday." "Did you?" replied Mr. Hardcase; "I hope he had the politeness to ask you to have something."—Philadelphia Record.

City Nephew—"What do you think of Dr. Pillsbury as a physician?" Farmer Hayroob—"Safest doctor anywhere in this part of the country—nearly always off fishin' when he's wanted."—Judge.

Hoax—Why is the merchant who doesn't advertise like a man in a rowboat? Joax—Because he goes backward, I suppose. Hoax—No; because he has to get along without sales.—Philadelphia Press.

His Meaning.—"What do you mean when you say she lampooned her husband?" asked the magistrate of the witness. "I mean she threw a lighted lamp at him," the witness explained.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Warwick—England keeps getting friendlier than ever to us since she got into trouble with the Transvaal. Wickwire—Yes; she now claims that she sympathized with us in our war with the Hessians last century.—Judge.

Fairlie—Jack, have you that ten pounds I lent you the other day? Flyntie—Not all of it, old chap; but what I have will do me a day or two longer. Jolly kind and thoughtful of you to inquire, though.—Glasgow Evening Times.

A Long-sought Friend: Christian Scientist—First, you must eliminate fear. Witherby—Have you no fear? Christian Scientist—None whatver. Witherby—Then you're just the one I'm looking for. Come and help me discharge my cook.—Life.

"Don't you find that Mr. Aster's poems," said the young poet's misguided admirer, "are full of words that burn?" "Well, no," replied the editor, "I never put them to that test; I merely drop them in the waste basket."—Philadelphia Press

"Don't you get tired," said the talkative customer, "standing there hour by hour ironing one stiff-bosomed shirt after the other?" "No," answered the Chinese laundryman. "It rests me to think I don't have to wear them."—Washington Star.

"There is safety in numbers," said the trite conversationalist. "There is," answered the man who talks on politics; "if you can't convince a man by your argument you can always silence him by quoting a lot of statistics that he knows absolutely nothing about."—Washington Star.

Blanche—"I wish you'd listen to this. Laura writes to have me hunt up literary information for her club paper on no less than seven topics." Dorothy—"Dear me! What will you do?" Blanche—"Oh, I won't find time to answer the letter until after she has done needing the information."—Indianapolis Journal.

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LEASING OIL LAND.

The proposition of organizing oil companys in this vicinity is one that should receive the attention of the land owners about this time. Numbers of people—oil experts and alleged oil experts—have been going about the country trying to tie up the land, each proposed company trying to get hold of as much land as possible and being allowed as long a time as possible in which to commence the work of development. We are as anxious as anyone to see companys come in here and develop the lands, but we want them to do it in a reasonable length of time, not tie up the land so that no one else can touch it and the owner has to wait the lesse's convenience about commencing work.

Land owners in leasing their lands should take care that any one company does not get an unreasonable amount of land, and that they have ample assurance that work will commence immediately and be vigorously pushed.

There is hardly any question but what there is oil in this vicinity and the more companys we have prospecting the more apt we are to be successful.

Keep the companys down to small holdings but have plenty of them.

The kicker—the result of larger farms than can be worked to the best advantage—is abroad in the land. He didn't get his land all plowed before the rain commenced again and laid up his men and teams. Large holdings of fertile farm land are rapidly becoming a thing of the past and soon the cry of not having time to prepare the land will no longer be heard, for each farmer will have only what he can develop to the highest state of cultivation and will bring the best results with the least loss of time.

The Spring Valley Water Company may be able to get a little clean water from the canals and the Arroyo del Valle now that the last high water has washed the cesspools and other impurities down The water from the next heavy rains will probably be of better quality than the last. We hope so, anyway.

The California Fruit Grower, when asked whether or no apples will dry off a cow in milk, makes the following reply: "Yes; too many of them will make her drunk. The cow can hold a good many apples in her stomach. They actually ferment, form alcohol and send the cow into a drunken stupor." Naturally when the cow gets sober she will be "dry."

According to a Los Angeles dispatch Governor Gage has completed his message to the Legislature and will at an early day depart for the State Capital. The document is said to be of the average length of such papers, and its strong suit is economy in public affairs.

Contra Costa seems to be getting right in the swim on the oil proposition. Fifteen leases to land were filed in one day by oil companys. It's Pleasanton's turn next.

Merry Christmas.

Smallpox is still raging at Tesla.

W. H. Coombs, at one time a prominent horseman of this state, died at Napa Dec. 14th of erysipelas He was a brother of Congressman-elect Frank L. Coombs.

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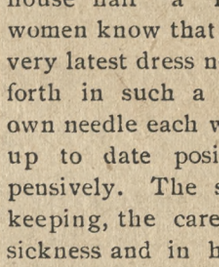

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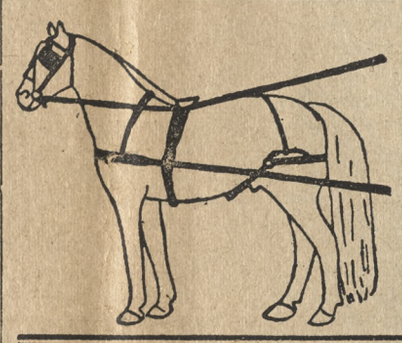

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Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Thomas Elmer Keating deceased
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executor of the estate of Thomas Elmer Keating, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouches within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said John W. Slaven at the office of Harris and Donahue, Bank Building, Pleasanton, Alameda Co, Calif, which said office the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Thomas Elmer Keating deceased.

JOHN W SLAVEN.
Executor of the estate of Thomas Elmer Keating, deceased.
Dated, Oakland, November 15th 1900.
HARRIS & DONAHUE, Attorneys for Executor, Pleasanton, Calif.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Maria T Ponce, deceased.
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executor of the estate of Maria T. Ponce, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said Executor, at the office of Harris and Donahue, Bank Building, Pleasanton, Cal. which said office the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Maria T. Ponce, deceased

EDUARDO DE JESUS PONCE.
Executor of the estate of Maria T. Ponce, deceased.
Dated, Oakland, November 28, 1900.
HARRIS & DONAHUE,
Attorneys for Estate, Pleasanton Cal.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

H. B.

What is H. B?

The whiskey without a headache for sale by Jos. Nevis.

We are indebted to the Theo. Gier Company for a very handsome calendar. They are a very pretty piece of art.

John Hansen has sold out his cracker business here and purchased the resort at Santa Rita Junction.

Go to T. R. Evans for your genuine home made chicken tamales. †

Pleasanton must be a good place to sell goods in judging from the number of traveling men who were in town the first of the week.

Make your children a christmas present of a Columbia bicycle. Downey & Lawrence, agents. *

Workmen were busy Monday fixing the cement gutter in front of Ellis Bros store.

A watch for $1 at Lewis Bros *

Don't miss the entertainment New Years Eve at Nevis Pavilion.

Bring your old gold and silver to Lewis Bros. *

Quite a number of raffles on fancy articles, etc, are to come off soon.

Plain sewing, children's clothes a specialty. Mrs. B. A. Downey, Main street. *

Some fine artistic work of Miss Selma Bilz is on display at Silvers Drug store for the holidays which is very commendable.

Get your pictures framed at the Furniture Bazarr for Christmas. *

Our New Juvenile Brass Band will make their appearance New Years Eve at 7:30 in front of Nevis Pavilion. Everybody turn out and hear the boys. You'll be surprised.

Stop and examine the photo enlargements at Downey's Photo Gallery. They are a home production. *

The gutters on the north side of Neal street need cleaning badly. When it rains the water is unable to pass off on account of the collection of weeds, etc., which choke it up.

Have you seen Lewis Bros. windows, stop when you are passing and see the Xmas goods. *

The apportionment of the state school fund has been made by county superintendent of schools Crawford. Pleasanton gets $182, Livermore $307, and Sunol Glen, $58, as their share of the fund.

Downey & Lawrence, agent for Columbia and Hartford bicycles. Made by the Pope Manfg. Co. and guaranteed. *

George Davis has had an Acetyline gas plant put in at the the Rancho del Valle. Lewis Bros. have been busy for some time past putting pipes in the house and in the office. The light was turned on for the first time last Saturday night and proved to be very satisfatory.

Victor Vierra Anselmo has purchased the well boring outfit of H. B. Oxen and is ready for well boring in any way. *

Hand painted cushion tops and other designs to order are the "real thing" for Xmas. Mrs. B. A. Downey and Mrs. Vandervoort have filled many orders ot beautiful designs on short notice which are more than satisfactory.

Bicycles repaired and ladies and gents' wheels rented by Downey & Lawrence. ‡

Isn't it nearly time the Board of Trustees ordered the mud scraped off the streets. Persons driving from Sunol to Livermore say that the only muddy roads encountered are in the town of Pleasanton.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Joe Nevis visited Oakland Monday.

J. A. Bilz spent Thursday in San Francisco.

Capt. Roberts of Oakland was in town Sunday.

Ben Zabella of Livermore was in town Wednesday.

Ben Downing spent Sunday with his parents in Pleasanton.

Mrs. S. K. Trefry has been quite ill for several days.

Mrs. Gus Bernal paid a visit to San Jose the first of the week.

J. G. Vandervoort and family of Sunol are moving to Palo Alto.

Theo Gier of Oakland was in town a couple of days this week.

Mrs. B. A. Downey returned home from the city Monday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Johnston and Annie Devaney were in the city this week.

Mrs. A. M. Howe returned Monday from a two weeks visit at Oakland

D. J. Foley, editor of the Pacific Photo Journal is spending the holidays in Pleasanton.

Phil Walsh, reporter for the District Attorneys office, was in Pleasanton Wednesday.

Mrs. Bushby left Tuesday afternoon for Alameda where she will visit her sister Bessie Johnston.

Wm Napier returned to Pleasanton Sunday. He has been away on a business trip for some time.

Dr. Dean of Oakland and Mr. Waters of Niles attended the Christian Endeavor Rally here last Saturday.

The odor from the fish market is becoming very pronounced. Passers by now take the other side of the street.

A. W. Bishop of Oakland acted as auctioneer at the Schutz sale, last Saturday. He returned home on the evening train.

Oscar Davis of Healdsburg, spent a couple of days this week with his brother, Geo. A. Davis at the Rancho Del Valle.

J. C. Kirkpatrick, manager of the Palace Hotel of San Francisco, was the guest of James Thompson here the first of the week.

Mrs. George A. Davis, who was quite ill with the grip for several days last week, is much improved and is able to be about again.

Reserved seats for the entertainment at Nevis Pavilion on New Years Eve are being sold rapidly at Silvers Drug store, which insures a large crowd on that eve. Beautiful strains of music can be heard nearly every evening from the orchestra that is to furnish the dance music. We hope to see the occasion well patronized as the people in charge are always "on deck" to assist in any way on all occasions for others, and deserve a crowded house. They are working hard to give a fine program and we all know what to expect in the way of a good enjoyable evening.

MEXICAN SWEETMEATS.

Together with a mass of other interesting domestic details appearing in the January Delineator, that issue contains an article on Mexican candies. This will be of interest to women who want to introduce novelties at the table during the holiday season. A practical article in the same number deals with winter vegetables, how to secure variety, and how to make the vegetables palatable.

One dozen cabinet photos and one crayon enlargement, with frame complete for $5.00. You can't beat it. At Downey's Photo Gallery. †

RAINFALL.

The rainfall for the season and for the last storm was as follows:

Storm	1.07
Season	9.44
Last Season	8.71

The advertisement of G. Rossi of the Alisal Saloon appears in this issue. He has purchased the business of Mr. Murphy and is fitting the place up in fine shape.

IF You would know
The Whole Truth,
Read between the lines.

"Figprune Cereal is the most Nutritious and Economical of any of the Cereal Coffees." That's the verdict rendered by those who use Cereal Coffee.

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G. ROSSI, Proprietor.
Successor to J. J. Murphy.
Finest Wines, Liquors and Cigars, Steam and Lager Beer Constantly on hand.
Everything Strictly First Class
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ODORLESS EXCAVATOR
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All soft drinks up-to-date in every particular.
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DO YOU WANT A TURKEY FOR CHRISTMAS?
Well, you can get one at the
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Which will take place at the
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SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY
TURKEYS, GEESE, BELGIAN HARES AND SUCKING PIGS WILL BE RAFFLED FOR.
Grand Free Distribution of "FULL DINNER PAILS" will take place Monday and Tuesday.

Here's a chance for you!
A bargain in Harness and Horse Fittings for the next few days.

Buggy Harness	$8 50 up
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Genuine Imported French Castile Soap for house use	50c per bar
Hames Straps	15 cents each
Sweat Pads	35 cents per pair
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Boston Team Collars, No. 1 grade	$3 25
Boston Team Collars, No. 2 grade	2 75

WILLIAM E. DETELS,
WEILBYE BUILDING, PLEASANTON, CAL.

Notice to Contractors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in accordance with Resolution No. 186 of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Pleasanton, Cal.;

Sealed bids or proposals will be received at the regular meeting place of said Board in the said Town, up to the hour of

7:30 o'clock, p. m., Monday January 7, 1901,

by the Town Clerk, for the construction and completion of a system of water works for said Town of Pleasanton, in accordance with plans and specifications for said work, now on file in my office and and in the office of Geo. L. Nusbaumer, County Surveyor, Oakland, Alameda Co. Cal., Civil Engineer in charge.

Bids will be received for said work as follows, to wit:

FIRST—All bids must give separate figures for boring and casing the well or wells, per foot, and separate figures must be given for the different sizes of water mains, laid and completed, per foot, and separate figures must be given for the engine, and all bids must be for the entire work in the aggregate, as called for in plans and specifications.

SECOND—Each bid must be accompanied with a check for at least ten (10) per cent of the bid or proposal, certified to by some responsible bank, and made payable to J. H. Neal, Town Clerk; to be forfeited to the Town of Pleasanton, as agreed and liquidated damages, should the party or parties to whom the contract is awarded, fail to enter into the contract within five days from the date of notice of award of the contract, or to give the bond or bonds, required by law and by the Board of Trustees, for the faithful performance of the contract in accordance with the plans and specifications.

THIRD—Said bids or proposals with the accompanying certified check, to be enclosed in a sealed envelope, to be marked on the outside, "Sealed Bid, Pleasanton Water Works," and delivered to me in person.

Said bids or proposals will be opened by said Board of Trustees in open session thereof, at their regular meeting on

MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 7, 1901, AT 8 P. M.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and no bid will be considered unless the terms of this advertisement are strictly complied with; Contract to be awarded only to the lowest, and best responsible bidder.

The successful bidder or bidders, within five days from date of notice of award of contract, will be required to enter into a contract with the Town of Pleasanton, and execute and deliver to the Board, such bond or bonds as are required by law. The penal sums thereof to be fixed by the Board on the award of the contract, said bonds to be subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of said town.

All work to be completed and in working order by April 1, 1901. Certified check of all bidders to be returned upon order of Board of Trustees.

Terms of payment to be determined upon award of contract with successful bidder, but no payments to be made except upon acceptance of material and work by Geo. L Nusbaumer, Surveyor of Alameda Co., Cal., Engineer in charge or his deputy in charge of work.

Printed plans and specifications may be had upon application of contemplated bidders at the office of the County Surveyor, Oakland, Cal., or Town Clerk, Pleasanton.

Dated Pleasanton, Cal., December 17, 1900.

J. H. NEAL,
Town Clerk.
(SEAL)

Women
Who have the
Blues

Despondency in women is a mental condition directly traceable to some distinctly female ill. Well women don't have the blues, but comparatively few people understand that the right medicine will drive them away.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

overcomes the blues, because it is the safeguard of woman's health.

It regulates the entire female organism as nothing else does. When the dragging sensation and the backache go, the blues will go also.

Read the letters from women appearing in this paper—women who have tried it and know. There are a million such women.

When a fellow has money to burn, the mother of marriageable daughters is ready to supply him with a match.—Philadelphia Record.

Every boy in Germany from the crown prince to the meanest subject is obliged to learn some useful trade.

Life Insurance Contracts.

The business of life insurance having become so tremendous and the competition so great, it seems as though in the rush for business that the real character and meaning of the policy contracts which are being issued by the various companies are not always understood, and that under the guise of the so-called five, ten or twenty year "distribution" policies and the five, ten or twenty year "accumulation" policies many of the leading companies are doing everything possible to avoid allowing annual dividends. The dividends thus withheld for long periods of years, ostensibly for the benefit of persistent survivors, are forfeited and confiscated by such "tontine" companies in case of either the death of the insured or lapse of his policy from nonpayment of premium at any time during the said five, ten or twenty year periods, and the withheld dividends are thus practically available for expenses. But there are still a few companies which are unalterably opposed to the aforesaid "lottery" or "tontine dividend" system, and which divide up their surplus annually among their members, notably among them stands the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., which is, in fact, the leading annual dividend company of the country.

Regarding the dividend paying ability of the principal companies, the official reports of the business for the past 10 years show that, with over $950,000,000 less premiums than the three largest "Tontine" companies, namely, the Mutual Life, the Equitable Life, and the New York Life combined, the Mutual Benefit, the leading "Annual Distribution" Company, has saved more than twice as much of its interest receipts from investments above expenses for policyholders, as all of said "Tontine" companies—the Mutual Benefit, as shown below, having thus saved $14,572,936.

Good agents wanted in all the interior cities and towns.

James Munsell, Jr., Manager, 503 California street, corner Montgomery, San Francisco.

The young Swedish explorer, Sven Hedin, whose adventures and researches on "the roof of the world" have made him renowned, wrote for The Youth's Companion before starting on his present expedition a vivid description of a journey through the wilds of Mongolia. This is among the many features of interest announced for publication in the next volume.

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TAKING
When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay. 50c.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

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This signature is on every box of the genuine
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the remedy that cures a cold in one day

"None But the Brave."

DON'T say that, Mary! You know that I love you and——"

"Now, Tom Dalton, stop right where you are. I've told you often enough that I like you. You have been my friend and playmate ever since I was a little girl and I shall always like you as a friend. No, sir! I won't listen to any love-making. I won't marry you, sir, and that's the end on't. I will marry no one but a brave man and I don't love anybody, and——"

"But, Mary, surely I——"

"There you go again, sir. If you ever mention love to me again I will never speak to you as sure as my name is Mary Hart."

"Oh, if you put it that way I'll really have to retire, for I couldn't survive the punishment. How do you know I'm not the brave man?"

"And I've known you all these years and—but I won't have it brought up again and there's an end on't, sir."

"Well, well! If a woman will, she will, and if she won't, she wont, and there's the end on't," quoted Tom, gaily. "Every dog has his day, Mary. What do you say to a sail down the bay? Let's have that mother of yours and take a run down to Elm Island for dinner at Cobb's farm and a bath at the short beach. It's a fine morning for a sail and I'll be bound I'll learn to swim this time."

"Tom Dalton, if there ever was—well, I know there wasn't. And I really began to think you were serious, sir. But mother would never venture out in that crazy knockabout of yours. Wouldn't it be jolly? I'd love to go."

"It's all right about the knockabout. She is high and dry for a new coat of copper paint. Capt. Doyle has his new schooner Willie and told me this morning he should run down to Elm come flood tide. What do you say, May? And—you know I was in earnest and ——"

"Say! I'm off to mamma at once," and before he could declare what he was in earnest about, she was running swiftly up the pier, shouting back to him: "You naughty boy, I'll bet you a box of chocolates I am first at the house, sir."

Mary Hart was the only daughter of the widow of Col. Hart of the Indian service.

The colonel had been both soldier and business man, and when he had been killed in a jungle fight, soon after Mary's birth, he had left his widow a comfortable income.

She had come to America and settled in one of the quiet New England seashore villages in a cosy cottage adjoining the estate of Mrs. Dalton, who was an old school friend. The young folks had grown up together and been friends since childhood.

Tom Dalton, a happy-go-lucky young man, had inherited an independent fortune from his father, and now, having passed his finals at the law school, was about to practice his profession in Boston. He loved Mary Hart with all his heart; but, in spite of himself, he could not be serious about his love-making, though bound to win her.

And the little minx herself threw difficulties enough in the way by bringing him sharply to account whenever he tried to broach the subject. She didn't propose to love or be loved. And if she ever could be so foolish it must be a brave man.

"None but the brave deserve the fair, and you aren't brave, you know you are not, sir."

Flood tide found them skimming down the bay in the natty little schooner Willie in a spanking breeze, jumping at the sea like a mettlesome horse, while Capt. Doyle stood at the wheel extolling her virtues to Mrs. Hart. The young people were camped comfortably on the deck at the windward side of the mainmast.

"Great, isn't it?" asked Tom. "Now, what would you say to lobster chowder for dinner?"

"Tom, you villain! You have been plotting this spree with Cobb. You know I dote on lobster chowder."

"Down there last week. Told 'em we'd be down. Tried to get mother to come, but she wouldn't step her foot in anything smaller than a liner."

"And you never told? I can hardly believe it. I never know when to believe you, sir."

"Fact! Sure enough this time, isn't it, Capt. Doyle?"

"Fact, sure," said the skipper. "Me an' Mr. Dalton had a bit of a run down to Elm last Tuesday. Tight bit of weather coming home, too."

"Thomas Dalton, do you mean that you were down here in last Tuesday's gale and never told? And you let us think you had been detained in Boston on business."

"Got it straight from Doyle," quoth Tom.

The Cobbs were on the beach to welcome them. Master Harry had hauled his pots that morning and there would be lobster chowder for dinner at 2 o'clock. Would they try a dip at the short beach by the runway between Elm and Elm, Jr.? They would, that is, the young people would, and Mrs. Hart would watch the sport from the beach.

Once in the water, Mary's spirits seemed bubbling over, and she was soon daring Dalton to try a race to a dory moored a short distance from the beach. He seemed reluctant at first, and was sure it was too near the current of the runway, but to take a dare from Mary and have her taunt him with lack of courage was too much for a young man of his temperament.

She was wading toward the boat and when but a few strokes from it, called back, laughingly: "Will you swim for it, Tom? If you reach it first I'll be your prize, sir."

He was striking out after her as soon as the words had left her lips.

She had nearly reached the dory and, confident of winning the race, put her hand up to catch the gunwale; then missed it and suddenly discovered she was out of her depth and in the runway current.

"Tom!" she cried, and then all Tom saw was a pair of frightened upturned eyes and terror stricken face, as she swept under the surface.

A fine predicament for a lover who was not a brave man and who had not learned to swim! Drawing a deep breath, blind to all danger and with no thought but to save her or to die with her, Tom struck out into the current and under the surface.

His heart thumped wildly as he felt a mass of that sun-gold hair come into his grasp and in a moment more they rose to the surface. Through his salt dimmed eyes Tom saw a bit of rope and grasped it. They had come up under the stern of the dory, which had swung into the current with them, and he was now firmly grasping a bit of painter which hung over the stern.

In a few minutes more he had lifted her over the side, clambered in after and was chafing her hands briskly. Mrs. Hart's cries from the beach had brought the Cobbs to the scene and Master Harry was running a dory down the beach to the rescue.

It had all happened in a very few minutes. Mary opened her eyes, smiled and said: "You needn't rub all the skin off my hands, sir."

"Thank God! She is all right," said Tom.

"Tom, dear, you reached the dory first. Kiss me, sir! You won!"

And then Master Harry's boat grated alongside.

An Efficient Watchman.

A gigantic watchman, ten feet tall, the story of whose exploit is taken from the Brooklyn Eagle, is an ostrich, living on an ostrich farm in Florida. He is named Napoleon, and regularly acts as watchman, patrolling the camp, and giving at intervals a cry that may be interpreted to mean, "All's well."

If anything alarms him, he at once communicates his alarm to his companions by a series of yells as he advances to the attack.

He is a bird of unusual intelligence, but is very savage. At night it is especially dangerous to go near him. To see his keeper force him back to his pen in the morning is one of the sights of the farm. A large fork is the keeper's weapon, and before it the bird slowly gives way, screeching with rage and striking out with his feet.

One night Napoleon caught a thief. The farm hands were all asleep when there arose a terrible hubbub, which, as the men became awake enough to distinguish sounds, resolved itself into the angry cries of Napoleon and the shrieks of a human being.

Rushing to the pen, the men saw the ostrich chasing a negro. The fellow had come to the pheasants' quarter to steal pheasants, and had been discovered by Napoleon. When he tried to get over the fence the bird struck him a glancing blow on the thigh, which ripped open the flesh and exposed the bone. For a time it was thought that the negro would bleed to death.

Delights of New Mexican Life.

Besides the rattlesnakes, the New Mexico end of the Rocky Mountains is blesesd with the tarantula, the scorpion and the centipede. Then there's the gila monster and many poisonous lizards. Of all these the centipede is perhaps the most to be feared, because it is the most plentiful and has a habit of living among the ceiling rafters of old adobe houses. At night, when a man is sleeping, it drops, and if it strikes his body it leaves a wound that takes months to heal, provided some blood disorder does not develop and kill the man. The gila monster generally does not bite unless teased. The scorpion and tarantula inflict wounds more painful than dangerous.

British Ice Imports.

Great Britain imported $1,585,950 worth of natural ice last year.

There is many an untied knot in a cord of wood.

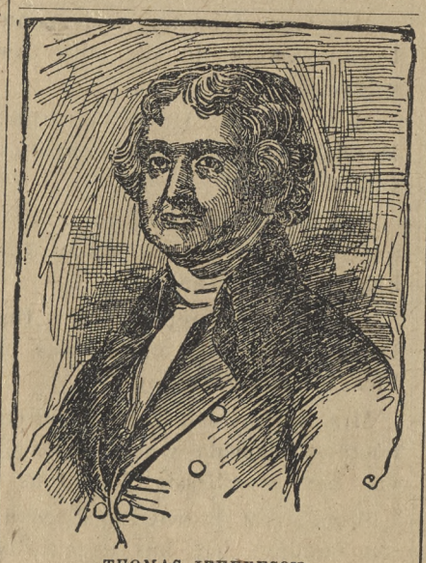
THOMAS JEFFERSON.

LIFE AND CHARACTER OF THE GREAT VIRGINIAN.

Man Who Wrote the Declaration of Independence and Who Contributed Largely to the Founding of the American Republic.

No father of the republic was more frequently or more extensively quoted in the remarkable campaign of 1900 than Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, and for this reason we take the opportunity of reproducing certain extracts from an article on his life and character contributed by John De Morgan to The Book World:

Jefferson, says the writer, was in many ways the most remarkable man of the age. His individuality stood out prominently and his earnestness and sincerity made him so conspicuous that his very name became almost synonymous with that of the republic. He was essentially the man for the time



THOMAS JEFFERSON.

and throughout all ages, when the mists of prejudice and passion, and misrepresentation have cleared away, Jefferson will stand out on the pages of history as one of the greatest men the world has produced.

His Early Manhood.

At the age of 20 Jefferson began the study of law; he was admitted to the bar in 1767. Two years before he had listened to the eloquence of Patrick Henry when that famous speech was delivered which set the colonies ablaze with opposition to the stamp act. In 1769 he was elected a member of the House of Burgesses and at once introduced a bill giving owners a right to emancipate their slaves. The bill did not become a law until some years later.

In 1772 he was married to Martha Skelton, a young and charming widow who played the spinet to his violin and delighted to sit at his feet, her head resting on his knee, and listen for hours to his reading from his favorite authors. Theirs was an ideal union, but she did not live to share her husband's triumphs, for she died in 1782.

He was elected to the first Congress in 1775 and, in the words of John Adams, "brought with him a reputation for literature, science and a happy talent of composition." When, a year later, he was appointed Chairman of the committee to draw up a declaration of independence, his co-laborers unanimously left the matter in his hands, and from the pen of Thomas Jefferson emanated the most remarkable impeachment of an existing government and a declaration of the rights of man that ever burst on an expectant world.

Beginning in the years immediately preceding that Declaration of Independence and closing in the early part of the administration of John Quincy Adams, the writings of Thomas Jefferson are a rich depository of principles in the science of government.

He was a voluminous writer and his reflections and theories, his profound and original ideas in the realm of religion, morals, education, law, the rights of man, and other topics, are well worthy the study and attention of the people.

What He Foresaw.

He predicted that a time might come when there would arise an aristocracy of wealth, and he expressed a hope that the country would "crush in its birth the aristocracy of our moneyed corporations, which dare already to challenge our government to a trial of strength, and bid defiance to the laws of our country." He had a genuine contempt for the aristocracy of birth, and said: "An honest farmer occupies a more dignified place in the scale of beings, whether moral or political, than a lazy lounger, valuing himself on his family, too proud to work, and drawing out a miserable existence by eating on that surplus of other men's labor, which is the sacred fund of the helpless poor."

Between 1779 and 1809 Jefferson was in office either as Governor of Virginia, Minister to France, Secretary of State, Vice President or President; in every office he served the people faithfully, but made many enemies by his honesty and truth.

In Virginia a great struggle was going on in favor of religious liberty. The Established Church had become so narrow and dogmatic that all who dared to differ from it in matters of faith or politics were treated as heretics and cruelly persecuted. The church, at that time, was essentially an English institution, and many of its clergy considered it a sacred duty to preach loyalty to England; this still further antagonized many. The struggle was a fierce one, and Jefferson, naturally, became one of the leaders. He argued and worked so diligently for religious liberty that his enemies branded him an "infidel," and some called him an "atheist."

It is doubtful whether any political writer wrote so strongly in favor of true religion than did Jefferson. Some of his most eloquent sentences, some of the passages from state papers, paragraphs from private and public letters were redolent with piety and full of humble reliance on the Creator.

After his second Presidential term he retired to Monticello and spent the remaining seventeen years of his life with his books, correspondence with litterateurs in all parts of the world and in establishing the University of Virginia.

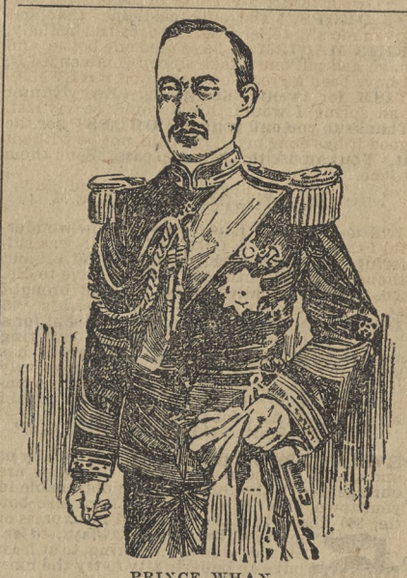
When he passed away July 4, 1826, the country lost the first and greatest of its political thinkers, a man who, beyond all others, labored to create a commonwealth in which all should be partners, instead of a republic of the few, a nation of classes. He wielded a mighty power, but, unlike many, his work was with the pen, for he was no orator. No statesman ever had so large a correspondence, and in all the thousands of letters and essays and treatises he wrote there will be found something of eternal value, for he never wrote without thought, and he never thought without developing something original or bright, something which tended to elevate the people and make the nation more free.

NEW COREAN MINISTER,

One of the Ablest Statesmen of the Hermit Kingdom.

Prince Min Tong Whan, the new Corean minister to Washington, belongs to the progressive party of his native land and is one of the foremost and most influential statesmen in the "Hermit Kingdom." Prince Min has traveled widely. He made a tour of the world when accredited as special ambassador to Queen Victoria's jubilee, going to England by way of India and the Suez canal, and traveling leisurely over the continent before going to London. He returned with his suite through the United States, which he traversed slowly, remaining for some time in the large cities, studying the customs of the people.

Prince Min remained for several weeks in Washington. During his stay in Washington the Prince, who, like all of his countrymen, acquires foreign languages easily, learned to speak English with fluency, and studied the



PRINCE WHAN.

American system of government.

The new minister is taller than the average Corean, with a military figure and carriage that might have been acquired at West Point, an intellectual face and the grace and manners of a man of the world. He is cultivated, erudite and familiar with the history and traditions of the Occident, as well as with those of the Orient. He is, in a word, a broad-gauged, well-balanced man who may be expected to administer his legation in a way creditable both to his country and acceptable to this government.

He Missed Her.

A speech which had a pathetic as well as an amusing side is said to have been made by an old New Hampshire man on the occasion of his second wedding.

"Neighbors," he said to those who had witnessed the simple ceremony, "you all know that this good friend that's consented to marry me is something of a stranger in our town. Now I feel kind of insufficient, being only a man, to make her acquainted with everybody as quick as I'd like to. So I'm a-going to depend on you women folks," he added, with a confiding smile at the members of the gentler sex, "to make her feel at home among us, just as my first wife would do if she was here to-day. I miss her consid'rable all the time, but more'n usual on an occasion like this!"

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Sleep does not refresh.

It is hard to do, hard to bear, what should be easy,—vitality is on the ebb, and the whole system suffers.

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MRS. BRYAN.

Her Husband's Partner in Law and Politics, as Well as at Home.

No one who has watched the career of William Jennings Bryan since his first nomination for the Presidency can have failed to observe the devotion of this remarkable man to his clever little wife, nor her enthusiastic co-operation in his political work. She has been an inspiration and aid to him ever since his entrance into public life and has been his constant companion on many of his severest campaigning tours. She was with him at Chicago in 1896, when his meteoric eloquence flashed across that chaotic assemblage of Democrats and so thrilled them that his nomination was the only possible result. Following that event she rode with him over thousands of miles of railroad lines and sat on hundreds of platforms with him, her heart swelling with pride as she saw him stand before millions of his fellow-countrymen and receive their applause. She was disappointed by his defeat, but with an abiding faith in his future, was not disheartened. During the campaign just closed she remained at home until about two weeks before election, when, fearing that the terrible strain was breaking

MRS. W. J. BRYAN.

her husband's health, she joined him at New York, believing that her presence would impel him to be more cautious as to his physical condition, and remained with him until the end. Election day she went with him to inspect their farm and in the evening she entertained his friends while receiving election returns. If his second defeat discouraged her, she gave no manifestation of it.

Mrs. Bryan's maiden name was Mary Elizabeth Baird. She attended a seminary adjacent to Illinois College, at Jacksonville, when Bryan was a student there. Their marriage took place a year after he was admitted to the bar. Without neglecting the duties of her home, she fitted herself to follow her husband into the broader fields of human activity. In 1887 she took a course in law at Illinois College and when they moved to Nebraska she was admitted to the bar. She kept always in touch with him. While his chief interest lay in the practice of the law she studied law and aided him in his office. When he turned to politics and statecraft, she, too, took up the questions of the day and investigated them intelligently and exhaustively. Mr. Bryan frankly confesses the aid she has given him in preparing his addresses. During his term in the House of Representatives she never failed to be in the gallery when he was to speak, and her presence stimulated as her aid before had prepared him.

The most pleasing phase of the Bryans' life is their domestic circle. While participating in her husband's public life, Mrs. Bryan has not neglected the home. She keeps one servant, but does much of her own work and her three children—one boy and two girls—show the results of her careful training. At home Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are like unmarried lovers.

Lids of Fruit Jars.

The lids of fruit jars taken from the top shelf of the kitchen closet, where they may have lain long in retirement, should be sterilized before using. Put them into cold water and bring the water to the boiling point; take them out one by one with a clean skimmer and slip each upon its jar. They should not be handled with the fingers except to screw quickly into place, nor should they be left on the table nor wiped with towels that have been hanging in the kitchen. Any of these acts make the sterilizing process useless, as germs may be picked up in this way after it has been accomplished.

Cause for Alarm.

"Gee whizz!" exclaimed the giraff in the menagerie tent, "is this horseless business going to strike us next?"

"What's the matter?" inquired his mate.

"That matinee girl just passed by on the arm of a bum actor, and I'm sure I heard her say she's be tickled to death if he'd give her his auto-giraffe."—Philadelphia Press.

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Selecting Glassware.

To select glass with discretion it is necessary to understand somewhat of its manufacture and to recall the properties of the chemicals of which it is composed. These materials are chiefly soda, potash, lime, alumina and oxide of lead. The quality of the glass to be manufactured depends upon the amount of the basic material united with the silica or sand. The best glass is made with lead, which gives to it luster, fusibility and high refractory powers. It is often called flint glass to distinguish it from lime glass, which is much cheaper and of a decidedly greenish tint.

Flint glass is that which is most generally used for cutting and polishing. It may be picked out by the clear, bell-like tone which it sends forth when struck. This test may be made without any danger of breaking the glass if it be held firmly in one hand while the upper part or edge is sharply struck with a pencil or other instrument, the only care requisite being to see that the glass does not touch any object when it is struck, since if there be room for it to vibrate glass will never break.—Harper's Bazar.

Scrofula

THE OFFSPRING OF HEREDITARY BLOOD TAINT.

Scrofula is but a modified form of Blood Poison and Consumption. The parent who is tainted by either will see in the child the same disease manifesting itself in the form of swollen glands of the neck and throat, catarrh, weak eyes, offensive sores and abscesses and oftentimes white swelling—sure signs of Scrofula. There may be no external signs for a long time, for the disease develops slowly in some cases, but the poison is in the blood and will break out at the first favorable opportunity. S. S. S. cures this wasting, destructive disease by first purifying and building up the blood and stimulating and invigorating the whole system.

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The kaiser asked to be allowed to ride in this vehicle with his royal guests and to participate in this interesting experience. The request was of course granted, and when the coach was furiously assailed by howling Indians its inmates were as usual saved by gallant cowboys.

After it was over and as the royal party were descending from the coach the emperor remarked:

"Colonel Cody, I do not suppose this is the first time that you have ever held four kings."

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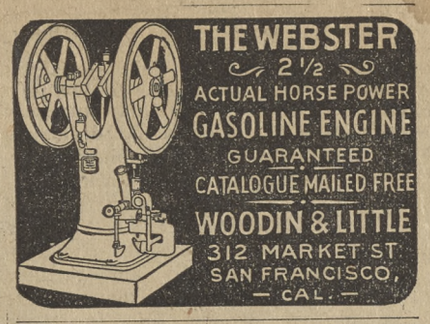

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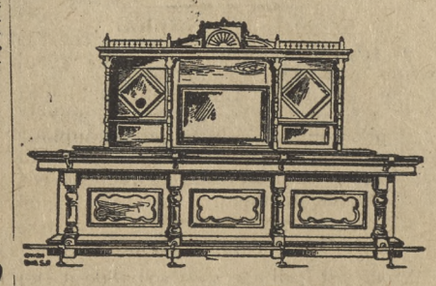

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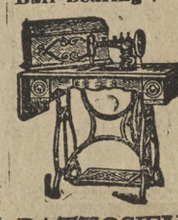

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J. W. Merchant & Son shipped a carload of lime rock yesterday—the first ever shipped from this place.

The rainfall of Friday, Sunday and Monday amounted to 91 of an inch, making the total for the season 7.55, against 6.82 last year at the same date.

Two more cases of smallpox are reported at Tesla, and still there is no perceptible check upon communication between that place and Livermore.

Ed Corrigan, the well known turfman and horse-owner, will ship 100 tons of hay, most of it from Livermore valley to England, where he will feed it to his twenty four horses during the next racing season. Most of the hay to come from this valley was brought here this week. It speaks well for the superior excellence of our hay

Mr. Charles H. Beck, a prosperous farmer residing in Arroyo Valle school district, and Miss Hattie O. Phillips, late teacher of the school in that district, were married at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Rev. John Stephens, pastor of Simpson Memorial church, in San Francisco. After spending a few days in San Francisco, and later visiting Mr. Beck's relatives at Centerville, Mr. and Mrs. Beck will return and take up their residence at the groom's ranch.

At the meeting of the Exchange Board of Trade and Alameda County Legislative delegation. J. F. W. Sohst and Judge E. M. Gibson spoke in favor of county division for Alameda county. The sentiment is growing favoring the change.

LIST OF PATENTS.

Granted to California inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co. Patent Attorney, Washington, D. C. A. Beargeon, Compton, gravel separator, C. M. Bridges, San Francisco, Cal, acetylene gas generator K. A Deering Fernando, corset-cover, X. Dodel, San Francisco dental elevator F. J. Foveaux Alameda, furnace, J. Hoey, San Francisco, bed bottom, L. Horvath, Los Angeles, lawn sprinkler, N. Kuns, Santa Monica, dental dam, H. H. Lawrence, Oakland, billiard game, R. Leonhart, Jr Fresno carpenter's level. J. D. McFarland Jr. San Francisco, revolving cylinder engine, A. H. Nield, Love lock bicycle brake, A. F. Shriver, San Francisco Acetylene gas generator, G. T. Willis, Fresno finger guard bar for headers or harvesters.

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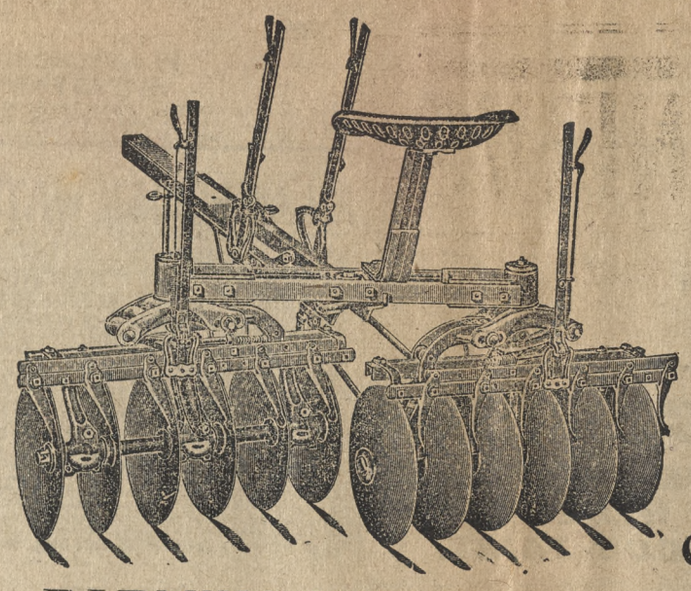

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